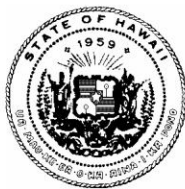


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TO: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 987– RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 5, 2013; 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds and authorize positions to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the Medicaid program.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill. The Department requests that the Legislature support the position requests included in the Executive Biennium Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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**TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

For Hearing on Tuesday, February 5, 2013
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

BY
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House Bill No. 987
Relating to Human Services

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO CHAIRPERSON MELE CARROLL AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The purpose of HB 987 is to restore staff positions within the Department of Human Services on the islands of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai that were eliminated in response to budget reductions during the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

The Department of Human Resources Development has **comments** regarding the reference to the job titles of the positions to be restored. The positions will be classified to appropriate civil service classes of work based on an evaluation of their duties and responsibilities which will be reflected in position descriptions. Therefore, the levels of the positions, which are indicated by roman numerals, should not be specified, and we recommend the following language instead:

“There is appropriated ... to fund six full-time equivalent medicaid eligibility worker positions (6.0 FTE).”

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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